

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A protective device for a load branch circuit, comprising:

a first protective element within the protective device to provide protection of a motor outside of the protective device and line protection;

an integral second protective element within the protective device, the second protective element being connected in series with the first protective element and located on a line side of the first protective element, including a fuse, to provide short-circuit protection of the first protective element and the motor, wherein;

the second protective element is designed to provide overload protection for an electronic switching device including a semiconductor, the electronic switching device being between the protective device and the motor, the electronic switching device being in series with the first protective element, and wherein

the first protective element includes an overload relay in series with the second protective element; and wherein

the fuse of the second protective element is configured to protect the semiconductor against an overload and start-up of the motor~~a switch within the protective device for switching off the electronic switching device in the event of an overload, the switch being connected to the overload relay in parallel.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fuse is transferrable from its operating position into a maintenance position.

4. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:  
a locking mechanism to secure the maintenance position.

5. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:  
an auxiliary switch within the protective device to signal the status of the fuse.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a trip response of the first protective element is coordinated with the rating of a switching device.

8. (Previously Presented) An arrangement comprising:  
the protective device as claimed in claim 1; and  
the switching device, wherein the protective device and the switching device include widths of the same dimensions.

9. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the fuse is transferable from its operating position into a maintenance position.

10. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:  
an auxiliary switch within the protective device to signal the status of the fuse.

11. (Currently Amended) A protective device for a load branch circuit, comprising:

first means for providing protection of a motor and line protection, the first means being located within the protective device;

an integral second means located within the protective device and connected in series with the first protective means and located on a line side of the first protective means, including a fuse, for providing short-circuit protection of the first protective element and the motor, wherein the second means is designed to provide overload protection for an electronic switching device including a semiconductor, the electronic switching device being located between the protective device and the motor, the electronic switching device being in series with the first protective means, and wherein the first means includes an overload relay in series with the second protective means; and wherein the fuse of the second means is configured to protect the electronic switching device against overload and start-up of the motor~~a switch within the protective device for switching off the electronic switching device in the event of an overload, the switch being connected to the first means in parallel.~~

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the fuse is transferable from its operating position into a maintenance position.

14. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:  
means for securing the maintenance position.

15. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 11, further comprising  
means for signaling the status of the fuse.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 11, wherein a trip  
response of the first means is coordinated with the rating of a switching device.

18. (Previously Presented) An arrangement comprising:  
the protective device as claimed in claim 11; and  
the switching device, wherein the protective device and the switching device include  
widths of the same dimensions.

19. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the fuse is  
transferable from its operating position into a maintenance position.

20. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:  
means for signaling the status of the fuse.

21. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protective device is configured to be directly plugged onto the switching device.

**<End of Claims Listing>**